

# *The Iowa Council on Homelessness*

## **DRAFT AGENDA**

Friday, November 18, 2016

10:00 AM - Noon

Originating from the Iowa Finance Authority (Presentation Room),  
2015 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50312

See website for available ICN locations (see 2016 Council Agendas and Minutes):

<http://www.iowafinanceauthority.gov/Home/DocumentSubCategory/202>

Conference Call-In Information (audio only): Call 866-685-1580; Code 515-725-4942  
(Meeting materials and minutes also available at same location on website above)

### **Iowa Council on Homelessness Meeting Resources** (available online):

- Minutes from the September 2016 ICH meeting
- ICN Locations
- DRAFT Requested Letter of Support from Iowa Council on Homelessness re Change to Iowa Shelter Assistance Fund rules

*Note: At least 17 members are needed to obtain a quorum (33 current members). Iowa Code 16.100A specifies the following: “A majority of the Council constitutes a quorum. Any action taken by the Council must be adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of its membership.”*

### **I. ICN and Conference Phone Line Etiquette Review**

- *Press \*6 to mute your phone line. Press #6 to unmute.*
- *In-person attendees: Reminder to use remote microphones when speaking—important for those participating by phone!*

### **II. Introductions** (ICN sites first, conference phone line second, IFA location last)

### **III. Approval of Agenda** (*Action Item*)

### **IV. Approval of September 16, 2016 Minutes** (*Action Item*)

### **V. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Report** (*Institute for Community Alliances*)

- 2017 Point in Time: Review and planning. Requesting approval for use of online tool for unsheltered count. (*Action Item*)

### **VI. Committee/Task Force Reports**

- **Executive Committee** (*Ben Brustkern*)
  - *Met on 10/21/16*
  - *Regular meeting schedule: Third Fridays every other month; non-council-meeting months. Next meeting 12/16/16*
  - *March 2017 Iowa Council on Homelessness meeting changed to March 15, 2017, to coincide with Day on the Hill*
  - *All-Iowa CoC Review*
- **Nominating Committee** (*Ashley Schwalm*)

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- Three seats open for consumer representative (experienced homelessness or a family member of a person who has experienced homelessness)
- Seat open for representative from Iowa League of Cities
- Seat open for representative from Iowa Association of Counties
- Applications submitted online here: <https://openup.iowa.gov/>
- **Continuum of Care Committee** (*Tim Wilson*)
  - *Met on 10/11/16*
  - *Regular meeting schedule: Second Tuesdays every month, 10:30 a.m. (Next meeting 11/15/16; changed to avoid conflicts with elections)*
  - Report: Takeaways, lessons learned from site visits to CoC grantees
  - Update: Looking ahead to 2017 CoC Competition
- **Coordinated Entry** (*Carrie Dunnwald?*)
  - Update: HACAP Coordinated Entry CoC Application
- **Research and Analysis Committee** (*Ann Hearn?*)
- **Policy & Planning** (*Crissy Canganelli or Tony Timm*)
  - *Regular meeting schedule and next meeting: TBD*
  - Update on Functional Zero Veterans Homelessness Initiative (*Heather Harney*)
- **Public Awareness Committee** (*David Binner*)
  - *Co-Chair position?*
  - Update: 2017 Homelessness Awareness Day on the Hill: Wednesday, March 15, 2017

## **VII. Coordinated Entry Report** (*Heather Harney*)

## **VIII. Other Reports/Items**

- SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access & Recovery Initiative (SOAR) Iowa Update (*Karen Hyatt*)

## **IX. Iowa Finance Authority Staff Updates** (*Amber Lewis*)

- Update: CoC Planning Grant: Coordinated Services Regions Application
- Iowa Statewide Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Shelter Assistance Fund program updates:
  - i. New HUD Equal Access Rules
  - ii. DV Data
  - iii. Competition results and seeking input for changes next year\
  - iv. (**Action Item**) Requesting Letter of Support from Iowa Council on Homelessness to change Shelter Assistance Fund rules (Iowa Code and Administrative Rules) to allow competitions to be held once every two years, rather than every year. Iowa Finance Authority is seeking the change for two reasons: 1) to simplify administrative tasks for both state and recipient agency

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staff; and 2) to increase consistency and predictability for recipient agencies and allow greater time to plan ahead with known resources.

- X.     **Lightning Round Updates** (*All members*)
- XI.    **Old Business**
- XII.   **New Business**
- XIII.   **Public Comments**
- XIV.   **Next Meeting:** Friday, January 20, 2016, 10:00 a.m., Iowa Finance Authority
- XV.    **Adjourn**